CHAPTER 173

(House Bill 34)

AN ACT concerning

Oysters and Clams - Licenses

FOR the purpose of authorizing the catching of oysters and clams for commercial purposes without a license by dredge, handscrape or hydraulic dredge that is licensed by the Department of Natural Resources.

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources Section 4-1004(a) Annotated Code of Maryland (1974 Volume and 1974 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 4-1004(a) of Article - Natural Resources, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1974 Volume and 1974 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and re—enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article - Natural Resources

4-1004.

(a) A person may not catch oysters or clams for commercial purposes in the waters of the State unless he first obtains a license. A person may catch up to 1 bushel of oysters from the natural oyster bars of the State for his own use and consumption without a license, in places and at times prescribed by rule or regulation of the department. THE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBSECTION DO NOT APPLY TO A PERSON CATCHING OYSTERS OR CLAMS COMMERCIALLY BY DREDGE, HANDSCRAPE, OR HYDRAULIC DREDGE THAT IS LICENSED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (C).

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1975.

Approved April 8, 1975.